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## Reminiscences of McConnellsburg by a Pittsburger.

EDITOR NEWS: I have greatly enjoyed Editor Barron's articles on "Fifty years Ago in McConnellsburg," and as I spent my boyhood in the old village, I cannot refrain from giving some of my recollections.

Judging from the names of the persons mentioned by Mr. Barron, he deals with the generation immediately preceding mine, but his letters have brought to my mind many incidents of my boyhood.

As I have said, I was born and reared in McConnellsburg.

The first school teacher I went to was Mrs. Sterrett; the second was Mr. Andrew Irwin, and my third was Miss Eddy. I was one of the first scholars that sat in the brick school house that was built alongside of the Court House, and I was greatly surprised to find it torn down on my visit to McConnellsburg a year ago. Mrs. Sterrett, Andrew Irwin and Miss Eddy were grand, good teachers. Many an hour I spent under their instruction; happy, happy schoolboy days! Mrs. Sterrett and Mr. Andrew Irwin have gone to their long and happy homes. Miss Eddy, I do not know anything about. I have not heard from her for years. Then, there was a singing school teacher or in my boyhood days by the name of Allen. He taught singing in the Hall, opposite to where Thomas Greathead lived—or the old Greathead homestead; and, now, if we kids those days did not make that old Hall ring, I would not tell you! I want to tell you one of the songs we sang. It went like this: "Pennysylvania, Harrisburg; Delaware, Dover; Maryland, Annapolis; Virginia, Richmond"—then came the chorus: "Oh! Pennsylvania is the State That ranks with any number. It is the state that has been great, For iron, coal and lumber." And then continuing on—New York, Albany; New Jersey, Trenton, &c.

Perhaps it may not be out of place to name over some of the good citizens of McConnellsburg. There was Thomas Greathead, David Agnew, Elias Davidson, David Fors, Anthony Shoemaker, David Shoemaker, Squire King, Jacob Stoner, Samuel Shimer, Jacob McDonald, old Johnny Cook, the hotel keeper, Henry Sheets, Michael Cook, James Downes, George Downes, Samuel Irwin, Johnny McCormick, Gideon Prim, Charles Selsor, Samuel Peightel, David Goldsmith, John Cunningham, John Spriggs (colored), John Bender (the old stage driver), Albert Hohmann, David Hughes (well versed in politics) Dr. Samuel Elliott Duffield (the man I was named after), Jno. Smith (the old sale and auctioneer), John S. Robinson, George A. Smith (lawyers), and then comes the good old man, the Rev. N. G. White (the Presbyterian preacher), John Eitemiller, John Zook, Christian Boerner (the tailor), Isaac Divilbiss, David Dunlap, Conrad Orth (the butcher), William Hoke (the tanner) and many others that will take up too much time to mention now.

Conrad Orth was an eccentric old German, and we boys used to have a great deal of fun with him. I remember one time, in particular, we boys gathered at his slaughter house near Daniel Fore's barn and he drove a bullock from the pen into the slaughter house to be slaughtered. This bullock was wild and it was with much difficulty that Mr. Orth got the animal into the slaughter house. But how to kill the vicious brute after he had it in, was the next question that confronted Mr. Orth. At length he opened the door just wide enough to admit the muzzle of the gun, and taking careful aim, fired. Instead of the animal dropping dead, he was only wounded severely enough to become infuriated, and with a wild dash sprang at Mr. Orth crashing through the door. I do not tell you that there was a

scatterment of the boys. The animal ran all over town snorting and bellowing with rage and pain and was accorded the right of way wherever he went; but at length was captured and the butchering went on. When Cooney gathered himself up after the bull had run over him, he said, somewhat excitedly, "You Orny debbil."

Well, I might as well quit; because if I should keep on spinning my recollections as they come up, you would have more copy than you would need this week.

ELLIOTT N. PEIGHTEL.

## Saluvia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Speer, were among the large number of excursionists to Atlantic City last Thursday.

George Schooley and Harvey Strait, who are employed by the Western Union Telegraph company in the eastern part of this state, are spending a few days at their respective homes.

Jacob Strait, of Hustontown, accompanied by his brother-in-law, of McKeesport, spent a day last week with Mr. Strait's son, William A. Strait.

Mrs. O. E. Hann, who has been seriously ill of typhoid fever the past two weeks is slightly improved at this writing.

Martin Kline, of Deshler, Ohio, spent a few days at the home of his brother-in-law, O. E. Hann, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Strait and son Lewis were visiting friends in Taylor township the first of this week.

Miss Jessie Wishart, an employee in the U. S. Pension office Pittsburg is spending part of her vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, at Harrisville.

Misses Ella Mann, Lydia Mann and Mrs. Mae Bair, of this place, and Mrs. Vernou Skipper and Miss Sue Sullivan of Tyrone, are a party of young ladies camping at Crystal Springs' camp this week.

George W. Hays, of McConnellsburg, accompanied by his mother-in-law Mrs. Eliza Michaels of Everett, spent Friday night, with Mrs. Michael's sister Mrs. L. E. Harris.

Mrs. Eliza Deshong, is seriously ill at the home of her son L. I. Deshong, of Harrisonville.

L. I. Deshong, who had been spending several weeks with friends in Johnstown, returned to his home last week.

Frank Hockensmith has gone to McKeesport, where he has secured employment.

Miss Sarah Belle Easley, is suffering from an attack of fever.

George Sipes has improved his residence by having erected a commodious kitchen.

Mrs. Fannie Akers is having a new dwelling house erected on her farm.

O. E. Hahn, was in Belfast township last week and succeeded in booking an order for new furniture for two school houses, and supplies for the ensuing school term.

Dr. Teeter and Rev. Dr. EVELAND, of Chambersburg, passed through this place enroute to Crystal Springs camp, Saturday.

Miss Laura Palmer, a student at the McKeesport Training school for nurses, is spending vacation at the home of her mother Mrs. Hattie Palmer, of Harrisonville.

While seated at the dinner table in the home of a friend at Conshohocken, a suburb of Philadelphia, last Wednesday evening, Mrs. Kate Royer was stricken with paralysis and died a few hours later. Mrs. Royer was a sister of Rev. Dr. W. W. Dalbey, of Philadelphia, and an aunt of Dr. Dalbey and Mrs. George W. Reinsner of this place. Mrs. Royer visited here five years ago, and is remembered very kindly by those who had the pleasure of meeting her. She was aged about 60 years. Her funeral took place Monday.

## THE DEATH ANGEL.

Persons Who Have Been Summoned to the Other World.

McCLAIN.

At the age of 1 year, 1 month, and 10 days, Emery Repper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery W. McClain died last Sunday morning at the home of his parents near Enid, in Wells Valley. Interment was made at Wells Valley M. E. church on Monday afternoon, Rev. W. J. Scheaffer of Three Springs conducting the services. The sympathy of their many friends go out to the grief stricken parents in the loss of their little son.

YEAKEL.

In Thompson township on Monday evening, August 25, 1902, Mrs. Jacob Yeakel died, aged about 50 years. While Mrs. Yeakel had not been in robust health for some time she had not been sick long and her death was a great shock to her friends. Mrs. Yeakel was a consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran church and her funeral was conducted on Wednesday by Rev. A. G. Wolf of McConnellsburg. Interment was made in the graveyard at Rehoboth church.

ALEXANDER.

Joseph Creath Alexander, a well known citizen of Wells Valley died at his home near Enid, August 22, 1902, aged 58 years, 9 months, and 27 days. Interment at the Valley M. E. church Sunday morning, his pastor, Rev. Scheaffer, conducting the services.

Creath, as he was familiarly known, was born, lived and died in Wells Valley. He was the owner of, and operated, the Woodcock grist mill for many years, and only a few years ago, quit the mill and turned his attention to farming. He was a model citizen—inoffensive—a kind father and neighbor. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife and one child, Benjamin R., who lived with his parents. Creath was a consistent member of the Valley M. E. church, leaving full assurance that all was well with him, and that he was not only willing to depart this life, but was also ready.

SHEFFIELD.

On Monday evening a child of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sheffield near Fort Littleton died of cholera infantum. Its age was about 1 year. Funeral took place Tuesday and burial was made at the graveyard at Nazareth U. B. church at Knobsville.

Last Sunday another of Mr. Sheffield's children was bitten by a venomous snake, and for a time the child's life was despaired of. It seems out of danger now.

SMITH.

Mrs. Achsah Smith, wife of James Smith of McConnellsburg, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jared Pittman in Thompson township, August 19, 1902, aged 29 years, 6 months, and 12 days.

The deceased had been in ill health for some time; and while she had the best medical skill and most careful nursing, the claim of death could not be overcome. She is survived by her husband, three children, father and mother three brothers and three sisters. She was buried at Union cemetery on Thursday, Rev. Chambers conducting the funeral services.

WELLS TANNERY.

Harry E. Spangler has gone to Philadelphia to see his wife, who is in the M. E. hospital for treatment. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Harvey Wishart, accompanied by Dr. J. R. Hunter and wife, is visiting friends in Canada.

George A. Stewart, who has been in Pittsburg on business for several weeks, returned to his home Monday.

J. Carlton Baker has been spending the summer in Pittsburg. Believing that the Smoky City was not good for him, as he had been feeling miserable for

some time, he returned to the home of his father A. F. Baker a few days ago and since has been kept in doors from an attack of intermittent fever.

Miss Emma Helsel of South Fork is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Al Helsel.

May Horton of Huntingdon is visiting friends here.

Many of our young people spent Sunday last at Crystal Springs Camp. We missed them at our church service.

Thomas Worthing has purchased the property of Daniel Warsaw.

George Young and family attended the picnic last Saturday at Lakemont Park, Blair county.

There were no services in Pine Grove church Sunday morning due to the funeral of J. Creath Alexander.

No. 1 and No. 4 schools are still without teachers. We hope to receive application very soon from good active teachers.

Dr. Campbell, Arthur Cunningham, James McDonough, Miss May Cunningham, and Miss Coulter—all of New Grenada, attended preaching service in the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon.

## Teachers Elected.

Superintendent Barton finished his first tour of teachers' examinations at Needmore last Friday. Only fifty-four persons appeared in the county for examination, and to fifty of them were certificates granted.

Teachers elected since our report last week are as follows:

THOMPSON.—Center, John Keefe; Bald Eagle, H. Wishart Wink; Independence, Miss Letitia Peck; Board Yard, S. L. Simpson; West View, Miss Olive Zimmerman; Ditch Run, Benjamin Shives; and Oakdale, Austin Peck.

BETHEL.—Warfordsburg, D. C. Hart; Gordon's, Austin Hill; Mt. Airy, Miss Minnie Funk; Franklin Mills, Miss Bertha Golden; Black Oak, Charles Gartner; Mays Chapel, Harvey Sharpe, and Alpine, Wm. Wink.

UNION.—Fairview, John Rhea; Zack's Ridge, Miss Lillian Hill; Center, Elmer Hendershot; Harmonia, J. Calvin Foster; Excelsior, Miss Elsie Bottenfield; Barnes Gap, Miss Myrtle Smith.

BELFAST.—Morton's Point.—Levi P. Morton; Philip Morgret's, Miss Bessie Morton; Jacob Lakes, Earl Morton; Pleasant Grove, Miss Orpah Snider; Maple Grove, Unger Mellott; Cedar Lane, Charles Garland; Cross Roads, Miss Stella Bard; Needmore, Miss Cora Eunn; and Sipes Hill, Albert Mellott.

## New Grenada.

Olive Grissinger of East Broad Top, spent a day with friends here.

Mrs. John McKelvy, of Mount Union, had a summer outing with friends in this section.

Mrs. Wm. P. Wagoner is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Shafer.

Mrs. Laura Gallaher, nee Willet, of Newton Hamilton, visited her many friends in Wells and New Grenada.

Some of our boys spent Sunday at Crystal Springs Camp.

Marion Edwards of Enid, and Nellie Cunningham of Chicago, were in our village on Wednesday.

Isaac McClain's steam saw mill which he had on Broad Top, was destroyed by fire on Sunday. This is a heavy loss.

Geo. W. Coulter, P. R. R. agent at Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg, his wife, daughters Maude and Lotie, and son Paul, are spending a week with friends in New Grenada.

Gertrude Cohill of Philadelphia and Libbie Rhodes of Saxton, are visiting their many friends, stopping with H. H. Bridenstine's on Sunday.

George C. Sipes and daughter Miss Pleasant, spent a few hours at McConnellsburg last Saturday.

## With Waller Through Samar.

Russel S. Garland son of George Nebraska Garland, formerly of this county, and a nephew of Mrs. P. P. Mann, of this place is spending a 30 days furlough with his parents at their home in Washington, Pa. Russel is but 20 years of age but has been in the service six years and has in that time had a military experience such as few young men of his age have gone through.

At the age of 14 he enlisted at Washington City and at the opening of the Spanish-American war was among the first marines sent to the front. At Guantanamo bay, Cuba, Garland was with the first United States troops to fight on Cuban soil and it was his command that raised, for the first time, the stars and stripes on the island.

In the latter part of April the command to which Garland belonged was sent to the Philippines.

He tells an interesting story of his experiences in the islands, covering over three years. He was with Maj. Waller in his famous expedition across Samar island and gives a graphic description of the journey. The march was through a wild and uncivilized territory and their path was continually beset by savages. Several of the party never reached the end of the march. The command was greatly delayed on account of the rains and floods; rations grew short and the whole party was rescued only in time to save them from perishing.

Young Garland left the Philippines early last June and arrived in the states in July. He was first sent to the navy yards at New York but was recently transferred to Washington City. His term of service will expire next year and unless he changes his mind, the young man says he will not reenlist. Though he is well pleased with his experiences he says he would not care to go through the mill again.

## Married.

MORT—CLEVINGER.—At the M. E. parsonage in Hustontown, August 21, by the Rev. J. R. Melroy, Mr. Harry Mort of Clear Ridge to Miss Olive Clevenger of Hustontown.

HAMIL—POLK.—On Thursday, Aug. 21, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Knobsville, Pa. by the Rev. A. D. McClosky, William M. Hamil, and Etta L. Polk, both of Knobsville, this county.

GRISSINGER—LITTLE.—At the residence of D. E. Little in this place on Tuesday evening, Aug. 19, 1902, by Rev. C. M. Smith, Mr. Wilbur Grissinger and Miss Lottie E. Little, both of this place.

## Clear Ridge.

Miss Maude Fields, who has typhoid fever, is getting along as well as can be expected.

Miss Margaret Carmack, is spending sometime at Woodvale.

Mrs. Wm. Forman of Pittsburg also, Harvey and Charles Fleming, Mrs. Shearer of Waterloo, spent the past week with the family of T. E. Fleming.

Mrs. Jennie Grove, accompanied by her daughter-in-law Mrs. Dr. Grove and three children, of Eureka, Kansas, who have spent the past few months here, are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. James Deavor at Woodvale.

Jacob Carmack has secured employment at Fairplay.

Irene Kerlin is spending some time with her sister Mrs. Bert Henry in the Cove.

Mrs. Henry Fraker spent Sunday with Mrs. J. V. Carmack.

Mrs. Wm. Henry is spending a few days with her sister Mrs. J. Steven's, at Ft. Littleton.

Mrs. James Kerlin is seriously ill at this writing.

Mr. Clark Newman, wife, and daughter Miss Orpha, of Hustontown, took dinner with Daniel E. Fore on last Monday; also, Mrs. Caleb Mellott of Ayr township and Mr. Noah Sipes of Licking Creek.

## Game for Thursday.

The Greencastle base ball team will play McConnellsburg at the Athletic Field on Thursday afternoon, and will try to give the home boys a dose of the same kind of medicine they received a week ago.

The Franklin county boys are a little sore over their defeat, and they promise to bring the strongest team that can be secured in that county.

McLanahan and Lear, of Wolf team fame, will be the battery for the visitors, and Bowden and Thompson for the locals. Comp will also, play. This game gives promise of being the greatest contest ever seen here and will attract a large crowd. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

## Laurel Ridge.

John Gordon has about recovered from a violent attack of typhoid fever.

John H. Peck is still on the sick list with not much hope of recovery.

Among those who attended the picnic near John Bain's last Saturday were Lula and Netta Lynch, Mrs. Sadie Hull, and Geo. and Tod Lynch.

Among those who attended the S. S. celebration last Saturday were Rachel, Mary, Alice and Flora Shives, Maude Gordon, B. F. Shives and son Raymond, Wilbert Mann, and Thomas Shaw and family.

G. E. Clouser spent last week visiting in Bethel township, and in West Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Mellott visited at Thomas Shives' Sunday.

Mrs. Sadie Hull was the guest of Mrs. Lynch Saturday night and Sunday.

Geo. Lynch worked part of last week for Robert Everts.

Frank Shives Jr. was the guest of Jacob Clouser Sunday.

## Laidig.

James L. Clevenger and John Speck and wife returned to Pittsburg last week after a visit of nearly two weeks with relatives and friends here.

Frank Hoover of Shippensburg bought a lot of cattle from Hiram Laidig and Casper Brant last week.

Some of our people attended campmeeting at Crystal Springs Saturday and Sunday.

Albert King and family of Altoona came to-day (Monday) to spend a short time with Albert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abram King.

Rev. Melroy preached a practical sermon at Fairview Sunday afternoon from Job 1:22.

David Stevens has moved into the new building which has been temporarily built until a larger house is built.

## Back Run.

There was quite a reunion at Mr. William Ott's last Sunday. Those present were Mr. Wm. Bivens, mother, and sister Miss Carrie of Big Cove Tannery; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Truax of Meadowgrounds, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clevenger and family of Spring House Valley. They had a very pleasant time and returned home in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cutchall and family spent Sunday at Harrisonville at the home of the former's mother.

Mrs. James Wright who has been ill for quite a while is not improving much.

Miss Clara Tritle spent Sunday with Miss Paylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clevenger spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Ott and Miss Anna Thomas.

Charley, Harry, and Clarence E. ville were looking over the Back Run playground. They say it needs some repairing.

Daniel Ott spent from Friday until Monday with friends at Everett.

Geo. Paylor sings, "A Charge to Keep I Have." It's a boy.

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## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Knew.

Mrs. Ruth Hagener, who had been spending several months in Philadelphia, returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Dalbey in this place last week.

Miss Ivy Lamaster of Markes, Franklin county, who has been spending the summer with her aunt, Miss Katie Fore, returned to her home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McNeil and baby of Boone, Iowa, and Miss Mary Pittman of this place, spent last Wednesday very pleasantly with friends at Foltz.

Mrs. N. I. Finiff returned home from Chambersburg last Saturday accompanied by her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bietsch of that place.

Annie Ott, of this place, who has been visiting at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Carns, of Everett returned to her home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wagner and son Lloyd of Markes, Franklin county, spent Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Wagner.

There will be preaching in St. Paul's Lutheran church in this place next Sunday morning and evening, and at the Tannery church at 2:30.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Young and Mrs. S. R. Campbell—all of Hollidaysburg are visiting their sister Mrs. B. W. Peck of this place and attending the Grangers Picnic.

Did you notice those thirteen-dollar and ninety cent guns in J. K. Johnston's ad last week. That is just a joke. They are only three dollars and ninety cents. Read the ad again.

Miss Ada Seisor one of Mercersburg's most efficient teachers, accompanied by her friend Miss Elizabeth Grove, spent a few days during the past week with her uncle and aunt, John W. and Miss Annie Seisor of this place.

Are you looking for the best Normal School? If you are, write to the Principal of the Shippensburg Normal School, Shippensburg, Pa., for a catalogue which will give you a full description of this great school.

Ed. V. Mellott of Belfast township was in town Monday, the guest of T. J. Thompson. Before leaving town he bought a new two-horse wagon and loaded on a ton of phosphate which he took with him to his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eitemiller of Allegheny, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eitemiller and daughter Mary, of McKeesport, and Mrs. Katie Eitemiller of McConnellsburg, spent Friday last with Abram Wagner's family at Knobsville.

Prof. and Mrs. Harry E. Gress left this place Tuesday morning to return to the Uniontown Soldiers' Orphans' School. Prof. Gress is entering upon his second year's work as principal of that school, he having served one year before at Harford.

Dr. W. F. Teeter, Rev. Dr. W. P. Eveland, and Mr. M. E. Swartz, all of Chambersburg, and G. Ed Dunlap of Shippensburg, formed a party who drove over to Crystal Springs Camp, spending last Friday night with friends in McConnellsburg.

H. O. Wible one of Fulton's best teachers is employed with James S. Kirk & Co., soap people and has been traveling since last spring. He now has headquarters at Altoona, and expects to spend the balance of the season working in western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana.

After spending several weeks very pleasantly at McConnellsburg, Mr. Will Reinsner left for his home in Lancaster on Wednesday. He was accompanied home by his cousin, Miss Minnie Reinsner, who will enter the state normal school at Millersville as a student next week.